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Dear Community Members:

Good news continues this week. Today, our average positivity rate is 2.81% and our new case rate is 9.34 per 100,000. 72% of Howard County residents 16+ have received at least one dose of vaccine and 51% are fully vaccinated. While disease is decreasing, it is still important that we continue to wear facial coverings indoors and when unable to physically distance outdoors, avoid large public gatherings and get tested when exposed or develop symptoms, until everyone is vaccinated.

Howard County opened the mass vaccination site in partnership with the State on Friday, April 30. More than 3000 individuals received Pfizer vaccination over the weekend. The mass vax site is located at the Mall in Columbia and operates Wednesday – Sunday from 8 am – 4:30 pm. You can register for vaccine at this site and a variety of sites by using the State vaccine locator:

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator>. This link will take you to the State's COVID vaccine finder page where you are able to search for sites near you. If you do not have access to the internet or need assistance with technology, you can call the State hotline at 855 - MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829). All residents 16 years and older are eligible.

This week, HCHD received 3,200 doses of Moderna vaccine and will be partnering with Alpha Pharmacy and HCPSS to vaccinate 16 and 17-year-old students and the general public at HCC with Pfizer vaccine on Wednesday. We are shifting to operate smaller clinics at multiple sites throughout the County, to make it easier for residents to get vaccinated. Appointments are encouraged, but no longer required. Walk ups are welcome. You can also locate open clinic appointments on our website here: [vaccine.howardcountymd.gov](https://vaccine.howardcountymd.gov).

See the below schedule of HCHD's clinics for this week. The Mall in Columbia site and Wednesday at HCC offer Pfizer vaccine, which is approved for those 16 years and older. All other clinics offer Moderna. Many clinics are operating to make it more convenient for residents who work during the day. Please share with friends and family who have not yet been vaccinated or need a second dose.

**Monday 5/03**

HCHD Ascend One: 10 am – 3:00 pm

**Tuesday 5/04**

HCC: 4 pm – 7 pm

North Laurel Community Center: 5 pm – 7 pm

Howard Hills Townhomes: 4 pm – 7 pm

**Wednesday 5/05**

Mass Vax Site @Lord &amp; Taylor: 8 am – 4:30 pm: \*Pfizer Vaccine (16 years and older)

HCC: 10 am – 5:00pm: \*Pfizer Vaccine (16 years and older)

First Baptist Church of Guilford: 4 pm – 6 pm

Foxborough Estates: 4pm – 7 pm

Normandy Shopping Center: 5 pm – 7 pm

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**Thursday 5/06**

Mass Vax Site @ Lord & Taylor: 8 am – 4:30 pm: \*Pfizer Vaccine (16 years and older)  
HCC: 10 am – 5 pm  
Gary Arthur Community Center: 1 pm – 4 pm  
Sapwood Cellar: 4 pm – 6 pm  
Country Meadows Apartments: 4 pm – 7 pm  
Rec & Parks Headquarters 7120 Oakland Mills Rd: 5 pm – 7 pm

**Friday 5/07**

Mass Vax Site @Lord & Taylor: 8 am – 4:30 pm: \*Pfizer Vaccine (16 years and older)  
Eggspectation: 8 am – 12 pm  
AIDA Bistro: 2 pm – 6 pm  
Dar Al-Taqua Mosque: 3 pm – 5 pm  
Pub Dog: 4 pm – 7 pm  
Autumn Woods Apartments: 4 pm – 7 pm

**Saturday 5/08**

Mass Vax Site @Lord & Taylor: 8 am – 4:30 pm: \*Pfizer Vaccine (16 years and older)  
Main Street Ellicott City: Time TBD

**Sunday 5/09**

Mass Vax Site @Lord & Taylor: 8 am – 4:30 pm: \*Pfizer Vaccine (16 years and older)

Thank you,



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